



EXWICK HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Consultation on change of age range to allow for nursery places at Exwick Heights Primary School from September 2025

Dear parents/carers,

The Local Governing Body have taken the decision to apply to the Department for Education to extend the age range at Exwick Heights Primary School. This would mean lowering the age range in order to admit 2-year-olds. This will make the school's age range 2-11 years, rather than the current 3-11 years.

The Department for Education (DfE) recently launched a School-Based Nursery Capital Grant for which primary-phase schools could bid for funding for capital expenditure towards creating and expanding school based nursery provision. Exwick Heights has applied for this funding and hope to be successful.

We are committed to meeting the needs of our local community by providing an inclusive and high-quality education. As part of this commitment, we are seeking to establish a provision for 2-year-olds, creating additional places to address a local need. This initiative has the full support of Devon County Council (DCC), which has identified a significant shortage of childcare for 2-year-olds in Exwick.

This consultation will run from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025. Our Local Governing Body and Devon County Council are consulting with all relevant stakeholders and will consider all comments received during the consultation period. Full details of the proposal can be found alongside this letter and on our website.

Please email Mrs Gemma Wills at [admin@exwickheights.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@exwickheights.devon.sch.uk) if you have any questions or wish to comment on the proposal. It would also be valuable for our bid, for us to receive email correspondence supporting the application or indicating no objection, as all documentation is useful.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal, as it is important that all members of the community have the opportunity to give us their views.

Best wishes

Mrs Gemma Wills  
Headteacher